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SUBJECT: ANNUAL FRANCO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS ON EAST ASIA

REF: PARIS 28433

1. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM NOIVILLE THAT WE SHARE HIS DESIRE TO ESTABLISH DATES FOR ANNUAL FRANCO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS ON EAST (AND SOUTH) ASIA AND HOPE THAT WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15-19 WHICH HE PROPOSES WILL IN FACT PROVE CONVENIENT FOR U.S. PARTICIPANTS. HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONFIRM DATES UNTIL LATER IN OCTOBER AND TRUST NOIVILLE WILL UNDERSTAND.

2. FYI ONLY: PRINCIPAL COMPLICATING FACTOR IN EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL'S SCHEDULE AT PRESENT IS POSSIBLE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON EAST ASIA, FOR WHICH NO DATE HAS YET BEEN PROPOSED; SEE STATE 243463, STATE 235396, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND USNATO 4928. THIS POINT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE MENTION-

ED TO FRENCH AT THIS STAGE. END FYI.

3. NOIVILLE'S SUGGESTIONS IN PARAS 1 AND 2 REFTEL ACCORD WELL WITH OUR THINKING, SPECIFICALLY DAY AND A HALF ON EAST ASIA AND AT LEAST PART OF AFTERNOON OF SECOND DAY ON SOUTH ASIA WITH NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON OR IN HIS ABSENCE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS. (EXACT NEA PARTICIPATION ALSO SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT LATER DATE.)
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4. WE SHARE NOIVILLE'S BELIEF THAT CHINA LIKELY TO BE PREDOMINANT SUBJECT OF EA PORTION OF CONSULTATIONS. OUR THOUGHTS ON AGENDA WILL FOLLOW. WE EXPECT THAT AT LEAST FRENCH-TO-ENGLISH INTERPRETATION WILL BE REQUIRED DURING CONSULTATIONS; IF SO, DEPARTMENT WILL ARRANGE.

5. CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB SHOULD BE POSSIBLE BUT, AGAIN, IS SUBJECT TO LATER CONFIRMATION.

6. HUMMEL WOULD PLAN TO HOST LUNCHEON FOR FRENCH PARTICIPANTS ON FIRST DAY OF TALKS.

7. WE WILL ALSO PASS FOREGOING, EXCEPT PARA 2, TO FRENCH EMBASSY ACTION OFFICER, COUNSELOR JULIENNE.

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